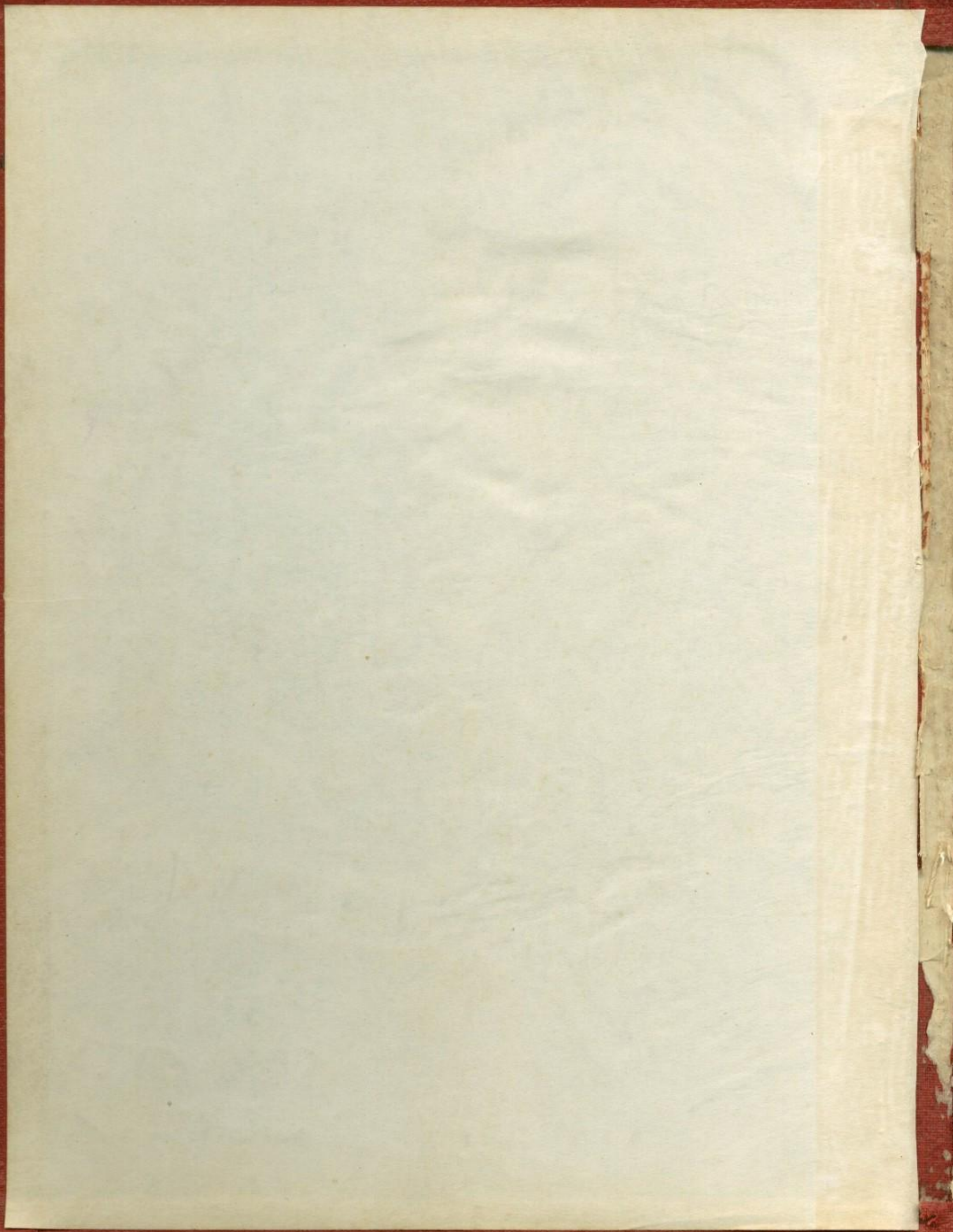




Marlene Mitchell

We
the Senior Class of 1949
dedicate this issue of the Boomerang
to the FFA and FHA organizations
of Avon High School
in appreciation for their contributions
to home, rural, and community living.

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From left to right: Victor Schleich, Leo O'Hern, Ernest Teach, Otis Williamson, Paul Turner, Glen Alden, and Leroy Haines.

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From left to right: Frank Shepherd, Joe Bivens, Bob Lake, Bill McKinley, and Everett Reihm.







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- Mrs. Williamson—5th Grade Teacher, Western Illinois Teachers College.
- Mr. McDaniel—Grade School Principal, 8th Grade Teacher, Assistant Coach, Southern Illinois University.
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- Mrs. Pollitt—Greenbush School (Grades 1-6).
- Mrs. Routhe—St. Augustine School (Grades 1-6), Western Illinois Teachers College.
- Mrs. Morgan—Pleasant Hill School (Grades 1-6), Western Illinois Teachers College.
- Miss Mueller—Lincoln School (Grades 1-6), Western Illinois Teachers College.



Martha Beatty Patricia Wilson D.M. Hanson W.H. Reed Nene Lawson



Glen Boyle Alfred Ackerman Martha Davis Richard Stearns



Evelyn Burch Williamina Kleppinger Royce Davis Mary Maberry



Alma Marvel Martha Sharpe Mabel Williamson Erma Cook Beulah Mueller



49'ERS

SENIOR LIVES

CHARLES KENNETH ALDEN

"Give him time, he'll get there."

Basketball	-----	1	2	3	4
Football	-----	1	2	3	4
Chorus	-----	1			4
Varsity Club	-----			3	
Student Council	-----	1			
Junior Play	-----			3	
Senior Play	-----				4
F. F. A.	-----	1			
Track	-----	1	2	3	
Soft Ball	-----			3	

BETTY CAROLINE ALLEN

"If silence is golden, she is twenty-four carat."

Chorus	-----			3	4
F. H. A.	-----			2	3 4
Girls' P. E.	-----	1		2	3 4
Junior Play	-----			3	
Senior Play	-----				4
G. A. A.	-----				4

ROBERT LEE BAKER

"Sigh no more, ladies! sigh no more!"

Basketball	-----	1	2	3	4
Football	-----	1	2	3	4
Softball	-----			3	
Track	-----			3	4
Chorus	-----	1			3
Senior Play	-----				4
Varsity President	-----			3	
Class Officer	-----				4

MARTHA LEA FOSTER

"My hopes are not always realized, but I always hope."

Chorus	-----	1	2	3	4
Eand	-----	1	2	3	4
F. H. A.	-----		2	3	4
G. A. A.	-----				4
Bcomerang Staff	-----				4
Girls' P. E.	-----	1	2	3	4
Junior Play	-----			3	
Senior Play	-----				4
Vocal Solo	-----	1			4

JAMES ROYAL HENDEL

"Eecause a man says nothing is no sign he has nothing to say."

Basketball	-----	1	2	3	
F. F. A.	-----	1	2	3	4
Chorus	-----	1	2	3	4
Eand	-----	1	2	3	4
Junior Play	-----			3	
Senior Play	-----				4
F. F. A. Officer	-----			3	4

CAROLE RUTH HUSTON

"Has a sincere liking for farmers."

Chorus	-----	1	2	3	4
Cheerleader	-----	1			
Girls' P. E.	-----	1	2	3	4
G. A. A.	-----				4
F. H. A.	-----			3	4
Junior Play	-----			3	
Senior Play	-----				4
Queen Candidate	-----			3	

NORMA LEE JONES

"Telegraph and it gets there fast; telephone and it gets there faster; tell Norma and all records are broken."

Cheerleader	-----			2	3	4
Chorus	-----	1	2	3	4	
Eand	-----	1	2	3	4	
Librarian	-----	1	2	3		
Student Council	-----	1				
G. A. A.	-----					4
T. N. T.	-----			2		
Varsity Club	-----				3	
Smear Staff	-----	1	2	3		
Eoomerang Staff	-----					4
Sentinel Reporter	-----					4
Junior Play	-----			3		
Senior Play	-----				4	
Girls' P. E.	-----	1	2	3	4	
Clarinet Quartet	-----	1				
Queen Candidate	-----	1				



Kenny Alden



Jackie Luper



Lois Simmons



Caroline Allen



Carole Huston



Hod O'Hern



Dale Williams



Bob Baker



Norma Jones



Elsie M. Uey



Bob Randall



Dan Williamson



Martha Foster



David Luper



Marlene Mitchell



Ernie Repp



Margaret Wilson



Jim Hendel



Lois Myers



Roy Woods



DAVID LUPER

"Plato said, 'Music washes away from the soul the dust of every day life.' Gee, I'm clean!"

Student Council	-----1			
Class Officer	-----1	3	4	
Junior Play	-----	3		
Senior Play	-----1	4		
Eand	-----1	2	3	4
Baritone Solo	-----1	2	3	4
Band Officer	-----	2	4	
F. F. A.	-----1	2	3	4
Quartet	-----	2	3	4
Varsity Club	-----	3		
Boomerang	-----	4		
Chorus	-----1	2	3	4
Basketball	-----1	2	3	4
Track	-----1	2	3	4

JACQUELINE LUPER

"Women are made to be loved and not to be understood."

Eand	-----1	2	3	4
Flute Solo	-----1	2	4	
Chorus	-----1	2	3	4
Class Officer	-----1	4		
Student Council Officer	-----	2		
Library	-----	2	3	4
Smear Staff	-----1	2	3	
Ass't Editor Smear	-----	3		
Boomerang	-----	3	4	
Boomerang Editor	-----	4		
Sentinel Reporter	-----	4		
G. A. A.	-----	4		
Cheerleader	-----	3		
Varsity Club Officer	-----	3		
Junior Play	-----	3		
Senior Play	-----	4		
Girls' P. E.	-----1	2	3	4

ELSIE McVEY

"Tis true that she was much inclined to dine and talk with all mankind."

Chorus	-----1	2	3	4
F. H. A.	-----	3	4	
Girls' P. E.	-----1	2	3	4
Librarian	-----1	2	3	
Smear Staff	-----	2	3	
Sentinel Reporter	-----	4		
Boomerang	-----	3	4	
G. A. A. Officer	-----	4		
Cheerleader	-----	4		
Junior Play	-----	3		
Senior Play	-----	4		
Vocal Solo	-----1	2		

MARLENE MITCHELL

"If she will, she will and you may depend on't; if she won't, she won't and that's the end on't."

Band	-----1	2	3	4
Chorus	-----1	2	3	4
Clarinet Quartet	-----1			
Smear Staff	-----	2	3	
Librarian	-----	3		
Sentinel Reproter	-----	4		
Boomerang Staff	-----	3	4	
Junior Play	-----	3		
Senior Play	-----	4		
Queen Candidate	-----	2		
Mixed Ensemble	-----	2		
G. A. A.	-----	4		

MARTIN MOON

"The presidential seat needs ingenious men like Washington, Lincoln, or me."

Basketball	-----1	2	3	4
Football	-----1	2	3	4
Track	-----1	2	3	4
Softball	-----	3		
Varsity Club	-----	3		
Class Officer	-----1	2		
Junior Play	-----	3		
Senior Play	-----	4		
Student Council	-----1			

LOIS JEAN MYERS

"There's a little bit of bad in every good little girl."

Chorus	-----1	2	3	4
Band	-----1	2	3	4
Clarinet Quartet	-----1			
Clarinet Solo	-----	3	4	
Librarian	-----	3	4	
Smear	-----	2	3	
Boomerang	-----	3	4	
Queen Candidate	-----	3		
Student Council	-----	2		
Junior Play	-----	3		
Senior Play	-----	4		
G. A. A. Officer	-----	4		
Band Officer	-----	4		
Sentinal Reporter	-----	4		
Mixed Ensemble	-----	2		
Girl's State	-----	3		
Girls' P. E.	-----1	2	3	4

HOD O'HERN

"Never speak sense when nonsense
will serve the purpose."

Chorus	1 2 3 4
Quartet	2 3 4
Solo	1 3
Junior Play	3
Senior Play	4
Football	1 2 3 4
Manager	4
Boomerang	3 4
Smear	3
Varsity Club	3
Class Officer	2
Student Council	2 4
Basketball	1 2 3

ROBERT M. RANDALL

"The world's no better if we worry;
Life's no longer if we hurry."

Basketball	1 2 3 4
Football	1 2 3 4
Softball	3
Chorus	1 2
F. F. A.	1
Track	1 2 3 4
Varsity Club	3

ERNEST REPP

"They always blame everything on
me and I'm the most innocent of the
bunch."

Basketball	1 2 3 4
Football	2 3 4
Track	1 2 4
Junior Play	3
Chorus	1 2 3 4
Boys' Quartet	2 3 4
Class Officer	4
Varsity Club	3
Solo	1
Softball	3
Boomerang Staff	4

LOIS ILENE SIMMONS

"They say she's very fast — on the
typewriter."

Chorus	1 2 3
Junior Play	3
Senior Play	4
F. H. A.	2 3 4
F. H. A. Officer	3
G. A. A.	4
Boomerang	4

DALE WILLIAMS

"With life and all in it, he seems
content."

Chorus	4
Track	4
Football	4
Track Manager	4

DAN WILLIAMSON

"I cannot check my girlish blush —
my color comes and goes."

Football	1 2 3 4
Basketball	1
Manager	2 3 4
Band	1 2 3 4
Chorus	1 2 3 4
Student Council	2
Varsity Club	3
Boomerang	4
Junior Play	3
Senior Play	4
Class Officer	2

MARGARET WILSON

"Some things must wait, but not a
date."

Chorus	1 2 3 4
Library	2 3 4
F. H. A.	3 4
F. H. A. Officer	4
Student Council Officer	4
Junior Play	3
Queen Candidate	4
G. A. A.	4
Smear	2 3
Boomerang	3 4
Sentinel Reporter	4
Girls' P. E.	1 2 3 4
Class Officer	1 2 3

ROY DALE WOODS

"The light in woman's eyes has been
my hearts undoing."

Band	1 2 3 4
Chorus	2 3 4
Smear Staff	3
Boomerang	3 4
Sentinel Reporter	4
Manager	2
Vocal Solo	2 3 4
Band Officer	3 4
Student Council Officer	4
Varsity Club	3
Ensemble	2
Junior Play	3
Senior Play	4
Boys' Quartet	2 3 4

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the 49ers being of sound mind (we hope) and body wish to make this our last will and testament. We are willing our most valuable possessions to the underclassmen who must struggle along for a few more years.

I, Kenneth Alden, do will and bequeath my ability to sleep (anytime, anyplace) to Lvyonne Cox, provided that she will make good use of this ability at once.

I, Caroline Allen, do will and bequeath my shorthand ability to Eloise Salisbury, with the understanding that she study as hard to learn it as I have.

I, Robert Baker, do will and bequeath my title of "town shiek" to Ronald Gray, with the understanding that he makes all of the boys jealous of him, and all the girls love him.

I, Martha Foster, do will and bequeath my ability to get along with the Senior boys to Carol Lee with the understanding that she does so next year.

I, James Hendel, do will and bequeath by "one-armed" driving technique to Carl Ehresman provided that he keeps his nose to the grindstone, his feet on the ground, and both hands on the wheel.

I, Carole Huston, do will and bequeath my ability to get along with the teachers to Phyllis House with the understanding that she has a good time.

I, Norma Jones, do will and bequeath my ability to stay home every night to Paul McVay, as I think he could use some sleep.

I, David Luper, do will and bequeath my girl friends to Tom Williamson if he promises to have as many girls as I have had.

I, Jackie Luper, do will and bequeath my 4 A's to Butch Williams if he promises to stay on the honor roll every six weeks until he graduates.

I, Marlene Mitchell, do will and bequeath my ability to do "stage faints" to any Junior or Senior who may need the ability on or off stage, if they promise not to tell where they learned to act so well.

I, Martin Moon, do will and bequeath my Abingdon friends to Rosalie Bivens if she will make as many good friends there as I have.

I, Lois Myers, do will and bequeath my good Ellisville friends to Marilyn Ruhl if she promises to go with a different one every night, and to stay away from my interests!

I, Elsie McVey, do will and bequeath my steady boy friends to Clarice Watson if she promises to stay with men as long as I have.

I, Howard O'Hern, do will and bequeath my ability to get by with murder in classes to Danny Steach provided that he doesn't get caught any more than fifteen times a day.

I, Robert Randall, do will and bequeath my college friends to Bruce Dempsy if he promises to write as faithfully as I have. (not).

I, Ernest Repp, do will and bequeath my wolfling ability to Bill Eivens with the understanding that he makes all the girls chase him madly.

I, Lois Simmons, do will and bequeath my height to Lola Singleton with the understanding that she is to begin growing as soon as she find time.

I, Dan Wiliamson, do will and bequeath my driving abilities (near cemeteries especially) to Wayne Hampton, provided that he wears out no more than one car a month.

I, Dale Williams, do will and bequeath my different "steady" girl friends every week to Richard Asquith, provided that he does as I say and has only one "steady" a week.

I, Margaret Wilson, do will and bequeath my ability to keep a diamond to whomever thinks she may have the trouble in the future that some of my friends have had.

I, Roy Woods, do will and bequeath my winning ways with Sophomore girls to Albert (known as Junior) Waggy so that he may begin as young as I did to choose a steady girl.

Witnesses:

Ken Alden

Norma Jones

Margaret Wilson



SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

On the 30th of August in '46 thirty scared little freshies trudged to old A. C. H. S. to take tests. They were: Mildred Erowne, Ronnie Batson, Bill Crosson, Ann Higbee, Francis Cable, Ken Alden, LaVern Ross, Glenn Shrodt, Bob Pritchard, Mary Lois Murphy, Annabelle Poole, Jackie Luper, Lois Myers, Marlene Mitchell, Elsie McVey, Martha Foster, Norma Jones, Margaret Wilson, Lois Simmons, Dan Williamson, Roy Woods, Bob Randall, Hod O'Hern, Ernie Repp, Martin Moon, Caroline Allen, Donna Schultz, and Jim Hendel. After we had sweated through these, we became full fledged freshmen. We looked up on the seniors as all good little freshies do (?) especially right before Initiation Day. What a day! It was pouring cats and dogs, and some of us even had to sweep the walk all the way up town. For freshmen we kept pretty busy. We won first prize on our float and had a very successful party, based on the theme, "Easter Parade." Lois Myers, Norma Jones, and Marlene Mitchell played in a clarinet quartet and Jackie Luper played a flute solo in the district contest. Norma Jones helped to represent our Student Council at Springfield. Our Harvest Queen candidates were Annabelle Poole and Norma Jones. Miss Frank and Mr. Cady were our advisors.

In our sophomore year we were minus the following people: Bill Crosson, Ann Higbee, Louise Kirby, Glenn Schordt, and Bob Pritchard. We gained Carole Huston, Dave Luper, Don Timmerman, and Gene Blount. That year we won second prize on our float, a forty-niner covered wagon. The theme of our party was "St. Patrick's Day." A boys' quartet was organized consisting of Hod O'Hern, Roy Woods, Dave Luper, and Ernie Repp. They won first place in the county contest and have sung at many events since then. Two of our boys, Bob Randall and David Luper, played on the first team in basketball. Several of the other boys were substitutes. Roy Woods sang a solo and David Luper and Jackie Luper played solos in the contest. Our Harvest Queen candidates were Marlene Mitchell and Mildred Browne. Our advisors were Miss Hughes and Mr. Hall.

The following year 21 jolly juniors came back to school. We lost Ronnie Batson, Francis Cable, and Gene Blount, and gained George Onion and Bob Baker. We struggled through Junior tests, ordered our class rings, and gave a smash-up party, "Bar 49," complete with bar, dancing, and floor show. Guests came in old-fashioned costumes. We had a lot of fun putting on our play, "Come Over To Our House." Lois Myers and Dave Luper played solos and Roy Woods and Hod O'Hern sang solos in the contest. Six of the first seven on the basketball team were Juniors, They were: Bob Baker, Dave Luper, Ken Alden, Ernie Repp, Bob Randall, and Martin Moon. The team placed first in the Little Six Conference and won the County Tournament. Our big moment came on May 8, the night of our Junior Prom. It had as its theme, "Stairway To The Stars," and was really smooth. Our advisors our Junior year were Miss Hughes and Mr. Slayton.

When we came back to school our senior year, we expected to know all the ropes, but lo and behold, almost everything was different. Library tables had replaced the study hall desks and we had an entirely new schedule. Being old hands at going to school, we soon took everything in our stride, and began acting like sophisticated seniors. (Ha! Ha!) Several of our class had either moved away or were going to a different school. They were: Mildred Browne, Don Timmerman, Mary Lois Murphy, George Onion, and LaVern Ross. It was finally our turn to initiate the Freshies, and we made the most of the opportunity. Our play, "The Scarlet Shadow," was a thriller-diller. We won first prize on our float, a Trojan Slave Ship. We had a very successful basketball season, winning 2nd place in the county tournament in an overtime game. We won first place in the Olympic Conference. During our high school years our class has been very prominent in band and chorus activities. We have taken part in festivals, contests, and school

programs. In our senior year Lois Myers, David Luper, and Jackie Luper played solos and Roy Woods and Martha Foster sang solos in the contest. We are looking forward to our trip to Chicago this spring. We have made all of our money for this trip by selling refreshments at games and selling Christmas cards, sweatshirts, and stationery. Our advisors, Mrs. Lawson and Mr. Ackerman have been a lot of help to us.

Our stay at A. C. H. S. has been a pleasant one.

(To be continued)



SENIOR PROPHECY

It is now the spring of 1969 and in the home of the Alfred Ackerman's we find the Lawsons and the Ackermans engaged in a bridge battle. Mrs. Lawson has just returned with her victorious Shoe Fly Crossing track team from the International Track tournament. Adjusting his ear-trumpet and glasses, Mr. Ackerman, retired bugologist, rises to get the lemonade and to turn on the television set. The announcer comes into view and says, "This is Your Life. Our honored guest tonight is Cardinal Howard O'Hern. His Eminence has done outstanding work with the girls clubs of America. Tonight we persuaded this St. Louis Cardinal to appear on our program.

"One of his first acquaintances with a member of the '49 class came while the Cardinal was still in grade school; this person being Dale Williams. Dale is now Private General 3rd class Williams of the National Guard. Two former classmates, nurses Martha Foster and Caroline Allen, aided Dale to wage a war against the flood of Galley Creek. By administering artificial respiration and supplying Life Savers many fish were saved from drowning. And here comes the hero and heroines now. (They exchange a few words and then the announcer continues.)

"Bow-Legs Baker and Maverick Moon from the Luckie B. O. Ranch, have just ridden into the U. S. from Texas, bringing with them a herd of Jackrabbits. These saddle weary warts are coming in now on their hobby horses.

"Norma Jones, who is head accountant of the naval P. W. A. (Permanent Waves of America) steps from behind the iron curtain dressed in a smartly styled deep sea diving suit with the latest creation, seamless rubber hose. And trailing behind her carrying an air compressor is Captain Dave Luper, director of the naval orange band. Now with the aid of a two ton crane, Norma is lowered to a sitting position. We'll hear more from them later, but look! Here comes "Bubbles" McVey who has just finished a 20 year engagement at the Palmer House, where she has performed in the Furnace Room. She is dressed in a shivering morning gown, which was created by her old classmate, "Lovely" Lois Simmons. (Elsie exchanges a few words with the Cardinal and then slinks off the stage.) Featured with Bubbles McVey is that danceland favorite, Rollicking Roy Woods and his rubber band. (With his pocket comb he parts the curtain and jives forward.)

"Hominy Hendel who has just harvested a Bumper crop is here to sell his product to the automobile industry. Coming in with Hominy Hendel is Dare Devil Dan Williamson who has just arrived in his eraser from New York where he won the Rochester Rim Relay. Dare Devil Dan was first enthused about racing while death dodging on cemetery hill. You probably saw this big racing event broadcasted by Flash Randall the sports announcer of TV Station B.U.R.P. How good it is to see them after 20 years!

"Magnolia Mitchell, Hollywood's flowering florist and Digger Alden, the embalmer who have been closely associated since school daze are now partners in an undertaking firm at Death Valley."

"Rambling Repp the homey hospital dietitian and garbage collector just arrived in his 16 cylinder Model T Chevy. Ernie states, "I have been doing a profitable business on watermelon rines and avocotoes."

(Magnolia and Digger closely followed by Repp go shoveling off the stage.)

"Jacqueline Luper, who teaches shoe boxing at Myer's Massaging Salon which is run by Muscles Myers, retired first basewoman of the Rambling Wrecks of

Georgia Tech, has just written a new book entitled Boxer's Rebellion. Miss Luper stays at "Huston's Hash House" owned and operated by Carole Huston, retired housewife. Her establishment is located on the corner of Grape and Vine.

"The only one unable to attend is Margaret Wilson, second base fiddler player for the Boston Bloomer Girls. Miss Wilson is unable to attend because of a serious ailment, an ingrown toenail.

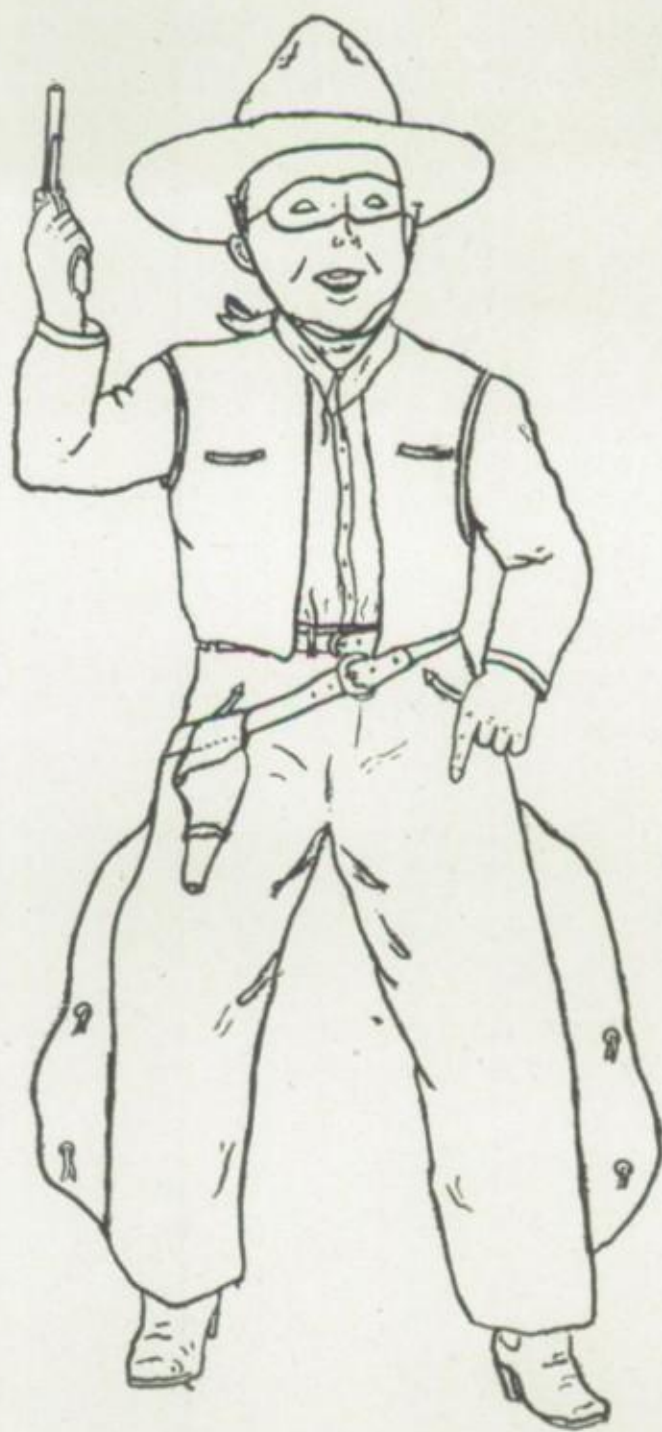
"We also found out that during your high school days you were in a quartette, which consisted of you and Rollicking Roy Woods, Captain Dave Luper, and Rambling Repp. Now the evening will be complete if you will sing one of your old songs.

(The quartette sings.)

"And now a word from our sponsor, Mother Nature's Air. Remember, 145,016,213 people use our product. You cannot live without it. Now a word from a satisfied customer. "I've been breathing air for nigh on to thirty years and I'm full of it."

"Everyone will now go to the Barney's Bean Bazaar where you will enjoy a delicious dish, China, that is."





Underclassmen

FRESHMAN CLASS

First Row: Miss Wilson (Advisor), Dorothy Erowne, Marlene Scalf, Barbara Allison, Lvonne Cox, Phyllis Selph, Roberta Doyle, Lucille Anderson, Mr. Reed (Advisor).

Second Row: Danny Steach, Ronnie Gray, David Jackson, Katherine Hornbaker, Louise Woods, Patsy Mitchell, Pam Fullerton, Harriet Lee, Joan Ruff.

Third Row: Sarah Butler, Josephine Salter, Pat Beckner, Evelyn Watt, Frances Cutler, Charlotte Myers.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

First Row: Mr. Poyle (Advisor), Shirley Myers, Blanche Young, Darlene Black, Norma Schrodt, Lola Singleton, Janeene Allison, Willa Mae Parker.

Second Row: Billy Bivens, Leroy Adolphson, Marlene Wagy, Joan Murphy, Marilyn Ruhl, Helen Smith, Floyd Singleton.

Third Row: Richard Asquith, Bruce Dempsy, Billy Anderson, Junior Harding, Junior Wagy, Wayne Hampton, Jerry Hatch, Irvin Nelson, Keith Wagy.

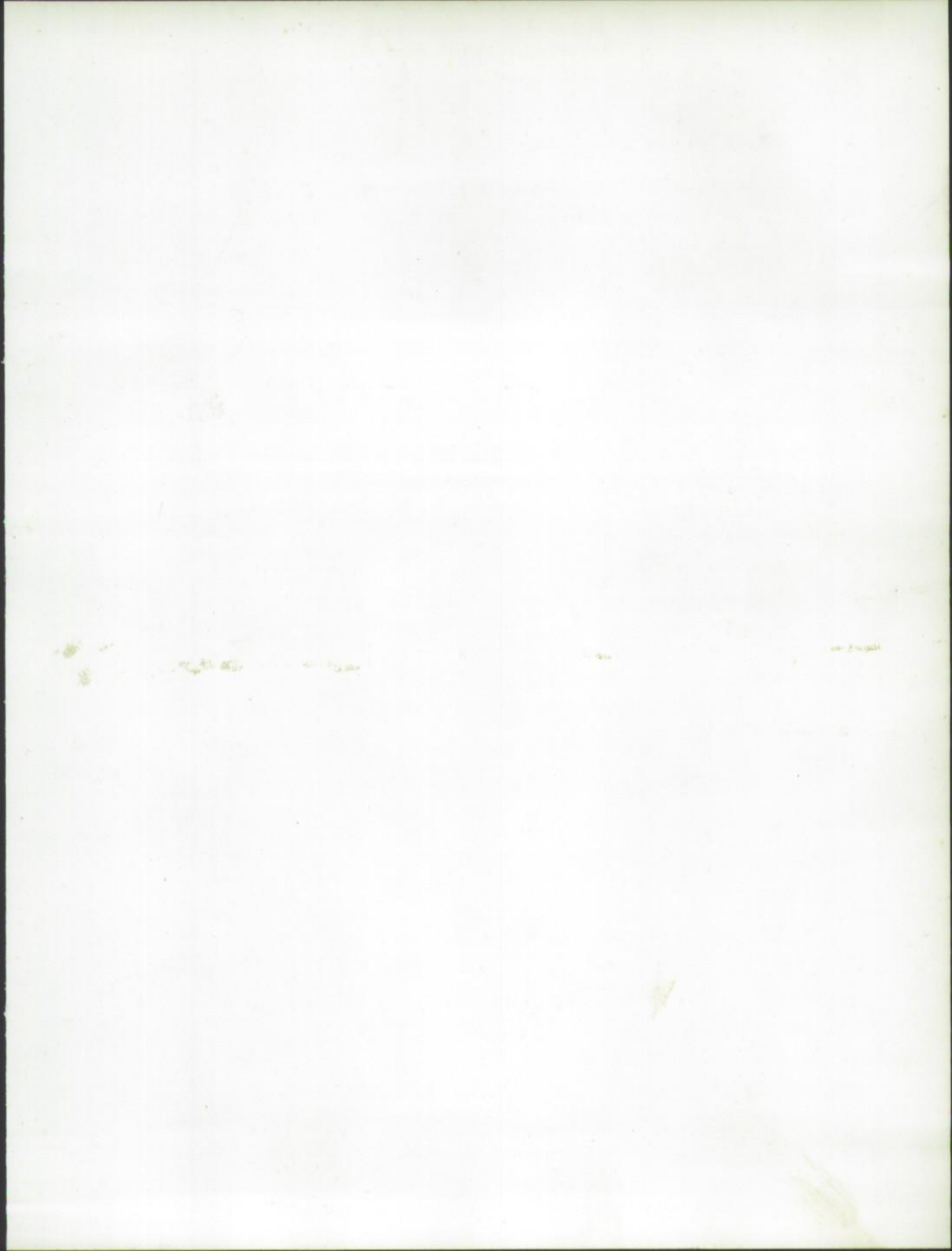
JUNIOR CLASS

First Row: Mrs. Davis (Advisor), Clarice Watson, Marilyn Sorrells, Cynthia Sailer, Marilyn Nichols, Shirley Vernoy, Eloise Salisbury.

Second Row: Carole Lee, Mary Parker, Rosalie Bivens, Doris Gillette, Fern Duncan, Frances Ray, Martha Helen Davis.

Third Row: Gloria Jennings, Paul McVay, Don Sensabaugh, Carl Ehresman, Tommy Williamson, Phyllis House, Ernie Blount.







JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Seated:

Clarice Watson -----Treasurer
Martha Davis -----President

Standing:

Gloria Jennings -----Secretary
Tom Williamson -----Vice President

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Seated:

Ernest Repp -----President
Jackie Luper -----Secretary

Standing:

David Luper -----Treasurer
Bob Baker -----Vice President

STUDY HALL

FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICERS

Seated:

Jackie Sublett -----Secretary and
Treasurer
Barbara Allison -----President

Standing:

David Jackson -----Vice President

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

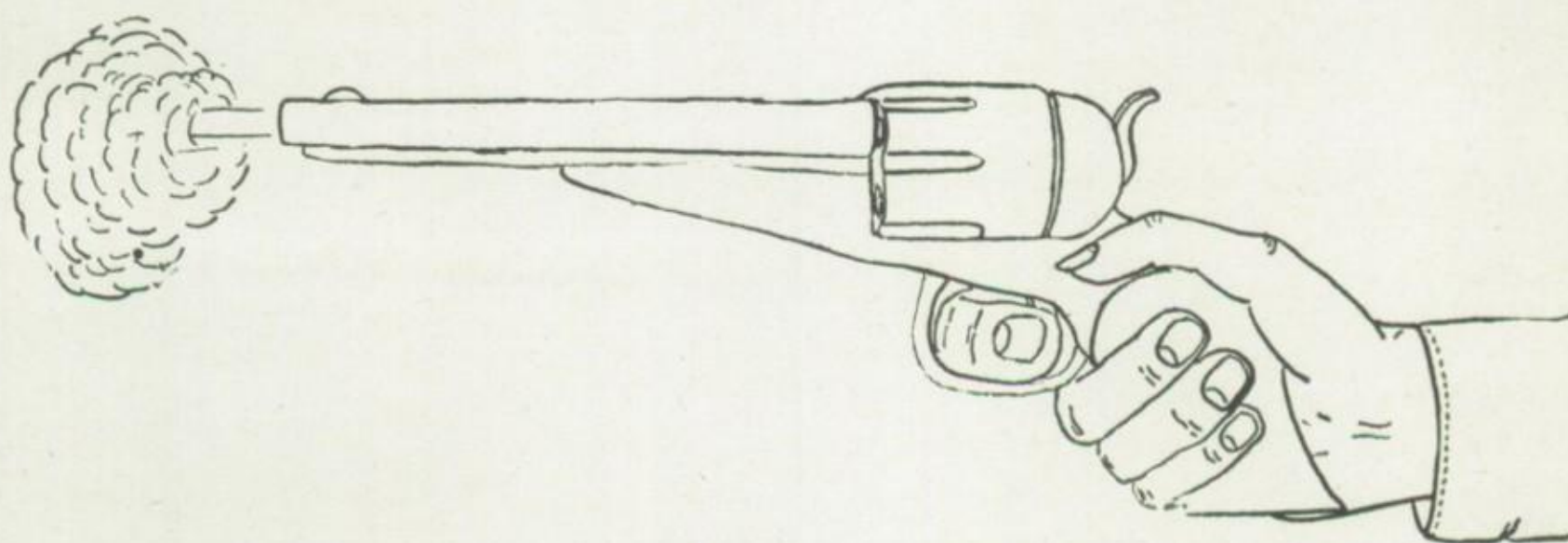
Seated:

Junior Wagy -----President
Marilyn Ruhl -----Secretary

Standing:

Shirley Myers -----Vice President
Darlene Black -----Treasurer

AUTOGRAPHS



Sports

FOOTBALL SQUAD

First Row: Dick Asquith, Bill Sensabaugh, Dan Steach, David Courter, Jackie Sublett, David Jackson.

Second Row: Bill Hopkins, Irvin Nelson, Carl Ehresman, Ken Alden, Dan Williamson, Hod O'Hern, Eob Randall, Martin Moon, Bob Baker, Ernie Repp.

Third Row: Marvin McDaniels (Ass't. Coach), Jerry Hatch (Mgr.), Paul McVay, Bill Sorrells, Bill Anderson, Keith Wagy, Leroy Adolphson, Bruce Dempsey, Dick Repp, Junior Wagy (Mgr.), Dick Stearns (Coach).

FIRST TEAM BASKETBALL SQUAD

Dick Stearns (Coach), David Jackson, Irvin Nelson, Martin Moon, David Luper, Marvin McDaniels (Ass't. Coach), Eob Baker, Ernie Repp, Dick Repp, Hod O'Hern, Dan Williamson (Mgr.).

SECOND TEAM BASKETBALL SQUAD

Junior Harding (Mgr.), Dan Steach, Paul McVay, Keith Wagy, Bill Anderson, Junior Wagy, Irvin Nelson, Dick Repp, Leroy Adolphson, David Jackson, Coach McDaniels.





FOOTBALL

The Avon High School Football team played one of the heaviest schedules of any small school in the state of Illinois. The Trojans were one of the ten smallest school in the state playing eleven man football. The team lost ten games this season, but was rated the best offensive team in the Peoria area for its losing record.

	Opp.	Avon		Opp.	Avon
Eushnell	13	7	Abingdon	20	0
Cuba	26	20	Stronghurst	52	13
Macomb	20	7	V. I. T.	33	19
Alexis	19	14	Knoxville	33	26
Roseville	18	12	Aledo	32	6

BASKETBALL

Avon's Varsity Basketball team was centered around six seniors. Team record was 17-7 for season's play. We competed in two Conferences. The Little Six and the newly formed Olympic Conference. Avon placed 4th in the Little Six but was undefeated in the Olympic play so they were declared 1949 Conference Champions. The Chicago Daily News recognized Avon's team as one of the better small teams of this area. In the Fulton County Tournament Avon was the defending Champion. We lost the Championship game this year to a strong Valley team in the last three seconds of the game.

Avon 49	V. I. T. 34	Avon 56	Cuba 37
Avon 33	Valley 32	Avon 23	Aledo 34
Avon 39	Aledo 27	Avon 65	Bardolph 34
Avon 40	Eushnell 25	Avon 67	Alexis 33
Avon 39	Alexis 23	Avon 46	Knoxville 43
Avon 22	Knoxville 30	Avon 36	Prairie City 24
Avon 43	Stronghurst 30	Avon 62	Stronghurst 27
Avon 30	Corpus Christi 24	Avon 30	Abingdon 67
Avon 30	Abingdon 49	Avon 61	Astoria 32
Avon 41	Roseville 37	Avon 40	Roseville 39

SECOND TEAM CHEERLEADERS

Sarah Butler
Elsie McVey
Shirley Myers

FIRST TEAM CHEERLEADERS

Norma Jones
Shirley Vernoy
Rosalie Bivens

TRACK BOYS

First Row: Dale Williams, Dave Luper, Bob Baker, Martin Moon, James Hendel, Hod O'Hern, Dan Williamson, Ernie Repp, Dick Stearns (coach).

Second Row: Bill Hopkins, Paul Sailer, Paul McVay, James Coupland, Carl Ehresman, Jackie Sublett, Bill Anderson, Irvin Nelson, Dick Repp, Bill Sensabaugh.

Third Row: Junior Harding, Burce Dempsey, LeRoy Adolphson, Gary Courter, David Courter, Keith Wagy, Ronald Gray, Junior Wagy, David Jackson.

SCHOOL SECRETARY

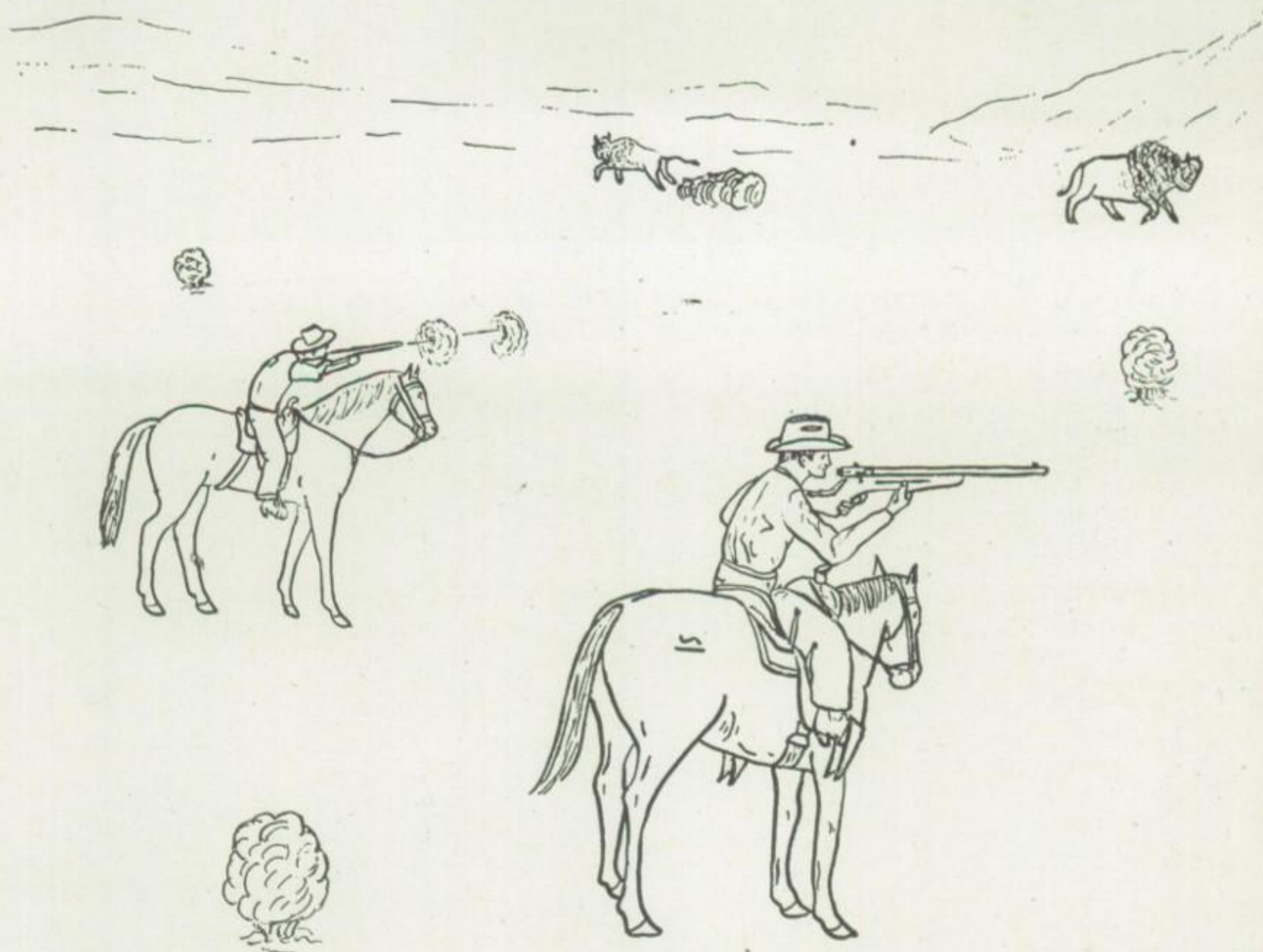
Marjorie Whisler

DRUM MAJOR

Frances Ray







ACTIVITIES

F. F. A.

First Row: Bill Anderson, Jr. Wagy, Berwin Bradley, Jim Hendel, Keith Wagy, Mr. Boyle (Advisor).

Second Row: Ronald Gray, Gary Courter, Ralph Williams, Ernest Blount, David Courter, Bill Sensabaugh, Floyd Singleton, Paul Sailer.

Third Row: Bill Sorrells, James Coupland, Donald Sensabaugh, David Luper, Howard Sailer, Jackie Sublett, Bruce Dempsey.

G. A. A.

First Row: Lois Simmons, Caroline Allen, Mrs. Lawson (Advisor), Martha Helen Davis, Elsie McVey, Lois Myers, Gloria Jennings, Margaret Wilson, Carole Huston.

Second Row: Lola Singleton, Janeene Allison, Marlene Scalf, Barbara Allison, Shirley Vernoy, Lvonne Cox, Marilyn Nichols, Roberta Doyle, Louise Woods, Phyllis Selph.

Third Row: Cynthia Sailer, Darlene Black, Katherine Hornbaker, Harriet Lee, Sarah Butler, Josephine Salter, Clarice Watson, Blanche Young, Willa Mae Parker, Patsy Mitchell, Pam Fullerton, Lucille Anderson.

Fourth Row: Norma Schrodt, Pat Beckner, Norma Jones, Mary Parker, Shirley Myers, Helen Smith, Evelyn Watt, Carol Lee, Marlene Mitchell, Charlotte Myers, JoAnn Ruff, Bonita Snapp.

Fifth Row: Jackie Luper, June Burnhardt, Doris Gillette, Marlene Wagy, Phyllis House, Joan Murphy, Helen Allen, Charlotte Jennings, Frances Cutler, Rosalie Bivens, Martha Foster, Frances Ray.

F. H. A.

First Row: Mrs. Beatty (Advisor), Janeene Allison, Darlene Black, Shirley Vernoy, Clarice Watson, Margaret Wilson, Carole Huston, Martha Foster, Marlene Scalf, Barabra Allison.

Second Row: Marilyn Sorrells, Lvonne Cox, Marilyn Nichols, Josephine Salter, Cnythia Sailer, Phyllis Selph, Lucille Anderson, Harriet Lee, Katherine Hornbaker, Pam Fullerton, Roberta Doyle, Lola Singleton.

Third Row: Martha Davis, Mary Parker, Sarah Butler, Bonita Snapp, Doris Gillette, Blanche Young, Norma Schrodt, Pat Beckner, JoAnn Ruff, Charlotte Myers, Shirley Myers.

Top Row: Helen Smith, Gloria Jennings, Charlotte Jennings, Helen Allen, Caroline Allen, Lois Simmons, Marlene Wagy, Elsie McVey, June Burnhardt, Fern Duncan, Frances Cutler, Evelyn Watt.





FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The officers this year of the Avon Chapter of the Future Farmers of America were:

President	-----	Berwin Bradley
Vice President	-----	Keith Wagy
Secretary	-----	Junior Wagy
Treasurer	-----	Bill Anderson
Reporter	-----	Jim Hendel
Advisor	-----	Mr. Boyle

There were eleven freshmen initiated into the organization as Greenhands this year.

The F. F. A. sponsored a Harvest Ball on October 29 after the homecoming football game with V. I. T.

The Junior and Senior F. F. A. members—Dave Luper, Berwin Bradley, Jim Hendel, Don Sensabough and Ernest Elount—and Mr. Boyle attended the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago on December 1, 2, and 3.

The grain judging team received fourth place in the sectional grain judging contest of Delavan on December 11. Those on the team were: David Luper, Jim Hendel, Berwin Bradley, Junior Wagy, and Ronald Gray. They expect to enter the state judging contest at Champaign in June.

The Avon Chapter bought new shirts for the F. F. A. basketball team this year which played in an invitational F. F. A. tournament held in Prairie City. The team placed third in this tournament.

A pest contest was held with the chapter divided into two teams. The losing team gave a supper for the winners.



G. A. A. CLUB

This year we have a new organization in our school called the Girls Athletic Association, better known as the G.A.A. There are 58 charter members. Girls who wish to join the club next year and anytime after will have to earn 100 points for membership.

At the first meeting, held on December 13, the members repeated the G. A. A. pledge, and adopted the constitution after hearing it read. We also voted to join the state G. A. A. organization.

There is a point system, whereby the members may earn points by taking part in games, parties, such as skating, and by being patrol girls. Members who earn at least 600 points during the year will receive awards.

Our officers are:

Vice President	-----Gloria Jennings
President	-----Lois Myers
Secretary	-----Elsie McVey
Treasurer	-----Martha H. Davis

The G. A. A. held their first party of the year on February 7, 1949. It started out with coasting at 4 p. m., and we coasted for over an hour. Then everyone came back to the school house, and we played two games of girls' basketball. Supper was then served, potluck, buffet style. After eating there were round and square dancing, and other quiet games. Then one more basketball game was played, and we went home tired, but happy.

F. H. A.

This year the F. H. A. was organized with Mrs. Martha Beatty as our sponsor, and Mrs. Giles Sailer was again elected Chapter Mother. Both Mrs. Sailer and Margaret Wilson, the president of the club received red roses the night the installation service for the officers was held. The other officers for the year are:

Vice President	-----Clarice Watson
Secretary	-----Carole Huston
Treasurer	-----Shirley Vernoy
Reporter	-----Martha Foster

Darlene Black was placed in charge of the Publicity Book for the year '48-'49.

The members of the F. H. A. enjoyed a Christmas party December 14, 1948, in the Home Economics room. Gifts were exchanged and games were played. We also sang some carols. We had chili with cream puffs on the side for refreshments.

The F. H. A. initiation party was held September 28, 1948. The officers for the year were installed and then the initiation began. Some of the girls ate crackers and then tried to whistle. Others had to tell, and demonstrate how to blow bubble gum. Everyone had a good time.

BOOMERANG

The production staff of this year's Boomerang is headed by Jackie Luper as Editor. Other officers are: Assistant Editor, Frances Ray; Business Managers, Martin Moon and Tom Williamson; Advertisement, Marlene Mitchell and Roy Woods; Typing, Lois Myers and Senior Secretarial Class; Calendar, Hod O'Hern; Sports, Dan Williamson; Activities, Dave Luper and Margaret Wilson; Senior and Faculty Write Ups, Elsie McVey and Norma Jones; Head Sponsor, Miss Wilson, and Assistant Sponsor Mrs. Davis.

LIBRARY

This year the library, under the management of Mrs. Kleppinger, is on the east side of the study hall. The assistant librarians do their work of signing out books, dusting shelves, collect fines, and keep records of books and fines.

Some books were donated to the library, and some new ones bought with money collected for fines.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Each class elected two representatives to represent them on the council, one boy and one girl. The entire student body voted for the President of the council, and elected Roy Dale Woods.

The representatives of the classes are as follows: Senior—Margaret Wilson and Hod O'Hern; Junior—Rosalie Eivens and Tom Williamson; Sophomore—Darlene Elack and Junior Waggy; Freshman—Lvonne Cox and Dick Repp.

Within the student council officers were elected. They were: Vice-President—Tom Williamson; Secretary—Margaret Wilson; and Treasurer—Hod O'Hern.

The council has waged campaigns for various improvements during the year such as better sportsmanship at games and helping clean up around the school building.

BOOMERANG STAFF

First Row: Mrs. Davis, Tom Williamson, Frances Ray, Jackie Luper, Martin Moon, Miss Wilson, Lois Myers.

Second Row: Martha Foster, Carole Huston, Caroline Allen, Lois Simmons, Margaret Wilson, Roy Woods. Marlene Mitchell, Elsie McVey, Bob Baker, Norma Jones, Jim Hendel.

Third Row: Dan Williamson, Dave Luper, Jerry Hatch, Hod O'Hern.

LIBRARY STAFF

First Row: Margaret Wilson, Lois Myers, Josephine Salter, Harriet Lee, Pat Beckner, Jackie Luper.

Second Row: Lucille Anderson, Evelyn Watt, JoAnn Ruff, Pam Fullerton, Cynthia Sailer, Darlene Black, Katherine Hornbaker, Joan Murphy, Pat Mitchell, Louise Woods, Marilyn Sorrells, Lola Singleton.

Third Row: Tom Williamson, Carol Lee, Wayne Hampton, Marilyn Ruhl.

STUDENT COUNCIL

First Row: Tom Williamson, Margaret Wilson, Roy Woods, Hod O'Hern, Mr. Reed.

Second Row: Lvonne Cox, Darlene Black, Junior Waggy, Rosalie Bivens, Dick Repp.





CHORUS

This year our chorus, under the direction of Miss Wilson, meets twice a week on a rotating schedule. Chorus periods are divided among mixed chorus, junior-senior chorus, freshman-sophomore chorus, girls' chorus, and boys' chorus.

On December 21, 1948, the high school and grade school choruses combined and presented a Christmas program. It featured solos and numbers by the whole chorus.

Several members of the chorus represented Avon in the spring contests.

BAND

Under the direction of Royce Davis our band has been very active this year. We marched at football games and worked out various marching formations. Frances Ray was our Drum Major.

Band rehearsal is held twice a week on a rotating schedule. Sectional practices are held weekly.

On Monday, February 14, the band traveled to Canton to participate in the Annual Fulton County Band Festival. Even though the roads were quite icy a large number of followers from Avon were present to lend their moral support to the band.

The band has played at various community events including the Annual Labor Day Picnic and the Firemen's Ball. We also take part in the spring contests and give a spring concert.

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE CHORUS

First Row: Miss Wilson, Janeene Allison, Dorothy Brown, Phyllis Selph, Louise Woods, Patsy Mitchell, Lvonne Cox, Earbara Allison, Marlene Scalf.

Second Row: Darlene Black, Harriet Lee, Blanche Young, Josephine Salter, JoAnn Ruff, Eonita Snapp, Sarah Butler, Willa Mae Parker, Katherine Hornbaker, Pam Fullerton.

Third Row: Evelyn Watt, Shirley Myers, Helen Smith, Marilyn Ruhl, Joan Murphy, Marlene Wagy, June Burnhardt, Charlotte Myers, Norma Shrodt, Patricia Beckner.

Top Row: Davy Jackson, Leroy Adolphson, Richard Asquith, Jerry Hatch, Wayne Hampton, Junior Wagy, Irvin Nelson, Dick Repp, Bill Bivens, Danny Steach.

BAND

First Row: Marlene Mitchell, Lois Myers, Shirley Vernoy, Sarah Butler, Patty Carrico, Earbara Bagge, Tom Williamson, Jackie Luper.

Second Row: Norma Jones, Carol Lee, Ponita Snapp, David Sharpe, Martha Davis, Rosalie Bivens, Shirley Myers,, Jim Hendel, Paul McVay, Louise Woods, Richard Asquith, Clarice Watson.

Last Row: Diane Eutler, Nancy Aringdale, Janeene Allison, Pat Beckner, JoAnn Ruff, Pam Fullerton, Martha Foster, Dan Williamson, Roy Woods, Royce Davis, director, Wayne Hampton, Joan Murphy, John Alden, David Luper, Jerry Hatch, Kay Bagge, Junior Asquith.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHORUS

First Row: Shirley Vernoy, Lois Myers, Norma Jones, Dan Williamson, Martha Davis, Clarice Watson, Marilyn Nichols, Miss Wilson.

Second Row: Frances Ray, Jackie Luper, Martha Foster, Tom Williamson, Paul McVay, Mary Parker, Carol Lee, Marlene Mitchell.

Top Row: Carole Huston, Phyllis House, Caroline Allen, Roy Woods, Carl Ehresman, Jim Hendel, Elsie McVey, Rosalie Bivens, Gloria Jennings.





CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Cherry Tree Carol	High School Girls
No Room In The Inn	Joseph, Mary and 3 Innkeepers
Come Joseph To The Manger	Mary and Joseph
The Friendly Beasts	1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grades
Silent Night	Mixed Choir
The Sleeping Shepherds	Angels and Shepherds
The Shepherd's Story	Solo-Shepherd
Bring Your Torches	Shepherds, Villagers, 7th & 8th Grade, Mary and Joseph
O Come Little Children	4th, 5th and 6th Grades
The Christmas Nightingale	Six High School Girls
The Coming of The Kings	High School Chorus
We Three Kings of Orient Are	Three Kings
O Come All Ye Faithful	Mixed Chorus
Joseph Dearest	Mary and Joseph
Dear Baby Jesus, Now Rest In Sleep	H. S. Girls and Children
The Christ-Child Is Born	H. S. Girls and Children
Puer Nobis Nascitur	Mixed Chorus

CHARACTERS

Joseph—Roy Woods.

Mary—Joan Murphy.

Innkeepers—David Luper, Jerry Hatch, and Dan Williamson.

Angel Solo—Lvonne Cox.

Angel Chorus—Shirley Myers, Clarice Watson, Frances Ray, Elsie McVey, Norma Jones, and Shirley Vernoy.

Shepherd Solo—Hod O'Hern.

Shepherd Chorus—Tom Williamson, Wayne Hampton, Jim Hendel, Ernie Repp, Ken Alden, and Paul McVay.

Villagers—Louise Harris, Frances Tunks, Ellen Duncan, Virginia Kernal, Kay Bagge, Nancy Aringdale, Larry Hendel, Sherrell Ruhl, Jim Schreck, Bud Woods, David Sharpe, and John Alden.

Three Kings—David Jackson, Junior Wagy, and Carl Ehresman.

BAND CONCERT

Mountain Majesty Overture -----Yoder

Two Chorales.

Princess of India Overture -----K .L. King

Colonel Miner's March -----Rozenkranz

Willow Echoes -----Simons

Baritone Solo — David Luper

Andante from 1st Piano Sonate-----Mozart-Rondino-Labate

Flute Solo — Jackie Luper

Men of Ohio March -----Fillmore

Fantasy for Three -----H. L. Walters

Strauss Waltzes -----Arr. by Buchtel

Vienna Dreams -----Sieczynski

Dancing in the Dark -----Schwartz

At The Minstrel Show -----H. S. Jones

United Nations March -----King

ANNUAL FULTON COUNTY BAND FESTIVAL

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Monday, February 14

7:30 P. M.

GUEST DIRECTOR—MR. MARK BIDDLE, KNOX COLLEGE

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Program:

El Capitan March	-----	Sousa
Balaton Overture	-----	Buchtel

V. I. T. High School Band
Director—L. Max Crockett

Hosts of Freedom March	-----	King
The Traveller Overture	-----	Buchtel

Cuba High School Band
Director — Herman Baehrend

El Capitan March	-----	Sousa
The Princess of India Overture	-----	King

Avon High School Band
Director — Royce Davis

Loyalty March	-----	Skornicka
On Shawnee Road Overture	-----	Thomas

Lewistown High School Band
Director — Robert Jorgensen

Hall of Fame March	-----	Olivadoti
Tiberius Romantic Overture	-----	Clarke

Farmington High School Band
Director — Newell L. Kessinger

King Cotton March	-----	Sousa
Princess of India Overture	-----	King

Canton High School Band
Director — Ketric Klingman

MASSED BAND

America		
Semper Fidelis March	-----	Sousa
Mountain Majesty Overture	-----	Yoder
Favorite Strauss Waltzes	-----	Buchtel
Men of Ohio March	-----	Fillmore

BATON TWIRLING EXHIBITION

Desert Song	-----	Romberg
Africkander	-----	Olivadoti
Headway March	-----	Bennett
Star Spangled Banner		

FESTIVAL CHORUS PROGRAM

Guest Conductor

Esther Duncan, Supervisor, Lamphier High School, Springfield

Accompanists

Floy Bear and Dolores Moore, Farmington

GREAT CHORUS:

"The God We Praise" by Tkach.

"Rejoice and Sing" by Bach.

"Now the Day is Over" arr. by Ringwald.

BOYS' CHORUS:

"Song of the Deep Blue Sea" by Wilson.

"Friendship" by Haesche.

GREAT CHORUS:

"Hiking Song" by Krone.

"Our Yesterdays" by Leslie.

"Way Over Jordan" by Zimmerman.

GIRLS' CHORUS:

"How Lovely are Thy Dwellings" by Cain.

"Lullaby" by Cain.

GREAT CHORUS:

"Carol of the Russian Children" by Gaul.

"Dear Land of Home" by Sibelius.

SENIOR PLAY

The Senior play was held November 19 and 20, 1948. There was a good crowd both nights, and everyone enjoyed the play. Margaret Wilson and Charles Johnson were prompters.

Zenobia, the hired girl	Elsie McVey
Laura, Mrs. Hudson's niece	Lois Myers
Benjamin Pulwinkle, a police inspector	Martin Moon
Gwendolyn Yapp, a gossip widow	Norma Jones
Constantine, a gardner	Bob Baker
Harriet Spector, a pathological spinster	Lois Simmons
Blanche La Monte, married to La Monte	Martha Foster
Pamela Poole, a writer of mystery novels	Jackie Luper
Dorothy Young, on the verge of matrimony	Marlene Mitchell
Lester Lang, on the verge of matrimony	Dan Williamson
Mark Drexel, posing as an invalid	Roy Woods
Paul La Monte, a questionable character	David Luper
Ira Higgins, in love with Zenobia	Hod O'Hern
Mrs. Hudson, the owner of the house	Caroline Allen
Frances Novak, almost a bride	Carole Huston
Pike, he just drops in	Jim Hendel

JUNIOR PLAY

The Junior play was held April 1 and 2, 1948. The prompters were Frances Ray, and Cynthia Sailer. There was a skit between acts which was organized by Frances Ray, Cynthia Sailer, and Carol Lee.

Louise, a sophomore at Erier Mountain College for Women	Shirley Vernoy
Florence, her roommate	Rosalie Bivens
Catherine, a junior living across the hall	Clarice Watson
Doris, her freshman roommate	Gloria Jennings
Harriet, a senior who lives next door	Marilyn Sorrels
Drcopy, the colored man of all work	Carl Ehresman
Miss Watkins, dean of Brier Mountain College for Women	Martha Davis
Jimmy, a stray junior from the State University	Dale Williams
Prof. Frazier, Rhodes scholar and instructor in English	Tom Williamson

SENIOR PLAY CAST

First Row: Carole Huston, Hod O'Hern, Elsie McVey.

Second Row: Mr. Ackerman (Director), Martha Foster, Jackie Luper, Martin Moon, Norma Jones, Marlene Mitchell, Dan Williamson.

Top Row: Caroline Allen, Lois Simmons, Roy Woods, Bob Baker, David Luper, Jim Hendel, Lois Myers.

JUNIOR PLAY CAST

First Row: Tom Williamson, Martha Davis, Dale Williamson, Shirley Vernoy, Mr. Ackerman (Director).

Top Row: Clarice Watson, Gloria Jennings, Carl Ehresman, Rosalie Bivens, Marilyn Sorrells.

PHYSICS CLASS

Jackie Luper, Marlene Mitchell, Lois Myers, Dan Williamson, Mr. Ackerman, Tom Williamson, Roy Woods, Martin Moon, Norma Jones, Hod O'Hern.









HOME ECONOMICS CLASS I

First Row: Barbara Allison, Roberta Doyle, Katherine Hornbaker, Evelyn Watt, Lvonne Cox, June Bernhardt, Dorothy Browne, Josephine Salter, Bonita Snapp, Harriet Lee, Phyllis Selph.

Second Row: Pam Fullerton, Helen Allen, Marlene Scalf, JoAnn Ruff, Charlotte Jennings, Pat Beckner, Mrs. Beatty, Sarah Butler, Lucille Anderson.

SHOP CLASS

Paul Sailer, Bill Anderson, Keith Wagy, Carl Ehresman, Jim Hendel, Martin Moon, Irvin Nelson, Paul McVay, Bill Bivens, Dick Asquith, Junior Wagy, Bruce Dempsey, Ernie Repp, Bob Baker, LeRoy Adolphson, Mr. Boyle, Bob Randall.

TYPING CLASS

First Row: Dan Williamson, Rosilie Bivens, Clarice Watson, Gloria Jennings.

Second Row: Marlene Mitchell, Shirley Vernoy, Elsie McVey, Lois Myers.

Third Row: Margaret Wilson, Carole Huston, Roy Woods, Jackie Luper.

Back Row: Caroline Allen, Martha Davis, Martha Foster, Lois Simmons, Mr. Reed.

SENIOR PARTY

The seniors held their party October 8, 1948. They had no special theme, as the senior party is always held to initiate the freshmen. They weren't treated badly and enjoyed the party as much as everyone else.

There was a lot of dancing, both round and square, which everyone enjoyed. Paul Jones called the square dances.

JUNIOR PARTY

The juniors gave their all-school party December 22, 1948. It was a Christmas party and was held all afternoon of the last day before Christmas vacation.

Round and square dancing were featured, with Paul Jones calling the square dances. The entertainment committee acted out "Twas the Night Before Christmas," while Frances Ray read the story. Several of the juniors sang Christmas songs before we went back to dancing.

A tree in the study hall was obtained and decorated by the Student Council. The teachers furnished fruit punch and cookies for all.

SOPHOMORE PARTY

On Friday, March 4, 1949, the sophomores sponsored a western-style all-school party, which was entitled "Western Rancho."

Guests came dressed in cowboy fashion — complete with hats, boots, and guns. The study hall was decorated with saddles, bridles, and straw.

The evening was spent in dancing to the music of Joe Whitney's orchestra, with Eob Ray calling the square dances.

At 9:30 two very enjoyable western "skits" were given. Home-made cookies and soft drinks were served by the refreshment committee.

FRESHMAN PARTY

The freshman all-school party was held on April 9, 1949. The party was based on a spring theme. Roller skating was enjoyed by everyone at the Macomb rink.

Everyone especially enjoyed the home-made ice cream which the freshmen served.

ATHLETIC BANQUET

The Athletic Banquet was sponsored by the Avon Eusinessmen's Association on March 14, 1949, in the High School Auditorium. The Avon Unit Grade and High School athletic teams were guests of the association. The main speaker for the occasion was Mark Peterman, who has an outstanding record for taking high school teams to the state finals. He is a retired coach, but still is well known for pre-game guesses of tournament play. His diagnosis of pre-game scores are carried by the Associated Press.

HARVEST BALL

The Homecoming began in the afternoon at 3:30 led by the high school band. Floats made by all classes, F. H. A. and F. F. A. followed. The senior class was awarded first prize for the best float. The football game with V. I. T. started at 7:30. At 9:30 the Harvest Ball began, with Clarence Wiegert's orchestra furnishing the music. The study hall was decorated with harvest decorations. The nominees for queen were Louise Woods, Ponita Snapp, Shirley Myers, Darlene Elack, Martha Davis, Darlene Hillman, Lois Simmons, and Margaret Wilson. Darlene Black was chosen as queen.

G. A. A. BANQUET

The G. A. A. Club gave a dinner and skating party for the basketball teams and the faculty on March 21, 1949.

At five-thirty the dinner was served buffet style in the auditorium. Place cards were small booklets containing the scores of the season's games.

Menu
foul
scrubs opponents
double dribble equipment
jump ball
overtime time-out

After dinner we all climbed on board the buses and journeyed to Macomb for our skating party, which lasted from 7:30 until 10:30.

CARNIVAL

The junior and senior classes sponsored a carnival on January 22, 1949. There were various booths and side shows. Movies, boxing, wrestling, a fortune teller, twenty wonders of the world and other features were there. We cleared about \$100. This was divided equally between the classes. The seniors plan to use theirs for their spring trip, and the juniors will use theirs for the Prom.

BOOMERANG SQUARE DANCE

This dance was held to make money for the Boomerang this year. It was held December 29, 1948 in the high school study hall. There were all kinds of dancing, and cake walks. A large crowd was present for a good time. The Avon Four generously gave their services.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BENEFIT DANCE

The library club of the high school gave a benefit dance on March 11, 1949. We used the profits from the dance to buy books for the school library.

Joe Whitney's orchestra played for us to round dance and square dance, and Harold Gorsline called some square dances for us. Paul Jones called one, too.

We sold refreshments and had several cakewalks. Then we drew for door prizes and awarded them.

Our senior quartet sang four songs. The boys in the quartet are: Dave Luper, Roy Woods, Ernie Repp, and Howard O'Hern. Martha Foster and Elsie McVey also sang two songs.

THE PROM

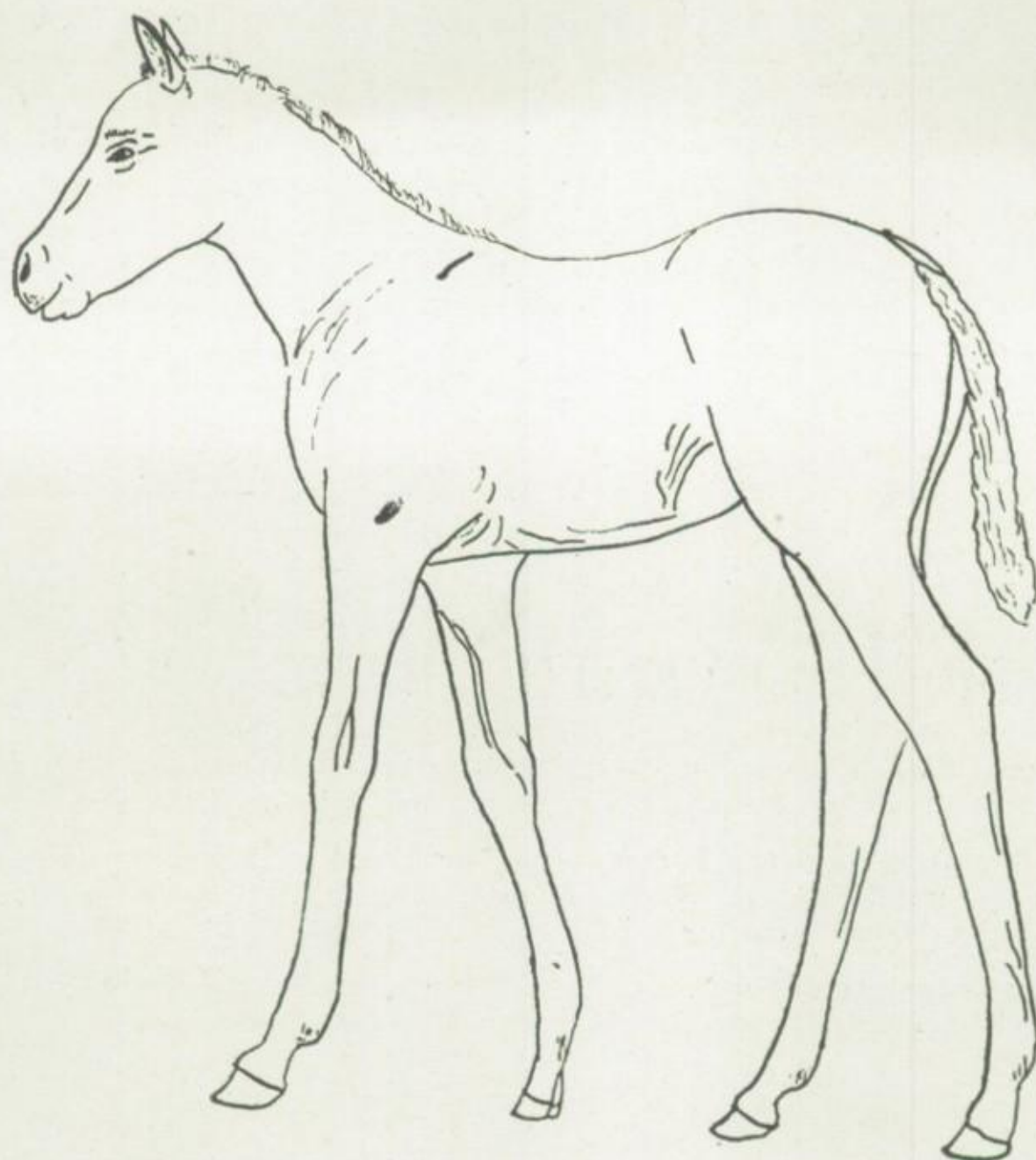
The Junior-Senior Prom was held on the evening of May 14, 1949.

The auditorium was decorated with crepe paper of pastel colors. Following the theme of "An Old Fashioned Garden" a water fountain, wheelbarrows filled with flowers, and lawn furniture were used.

There was dancing from eight-thirty to eleven-thirty to the music of Rocket Binge's orchestra.

The refreshments were served on the stage which was decorated with lattice work and flowers.

All teachers, board members, and the secretary were guests at the prom with Mr. and Mrs. Royce Davis and Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson as chaperons.



Grades

EIGHTH GRADE

First Row: Marvin McDaniel, Beverly Smith, Joan Gray, Betty Palmer, Marilyn Eathington, Dorothy Sailer, Jeanne Dawdy, June Gray, Marjorie Pollitt.

Second Row: Ronald Powell, Glenn McVay, Bob Wagdy, Shirley Dawdy, Patty Carrico, Kay Bagge, Nancy Aringdale, Mary Newton, Karol Smith, Buddy Woods, Junior Asquith.

Third Row: Nelma Courters, Shirley Ennis, Dianne Butler, Mardell Hofmeister, Elvira Elunt, Ellen Duncan, Betty Lou Eatherton, Evelyn Biederback, Lucille Kitch, Betty Meachum, Earbara Ragon.

Top Row: Francis Mitchell, Ronald Ray, Roland Hofmeister, Billy Wright, Frank Myers, Eugene Wilson, Dale Lockwood, John Alden, Dwight Simmons, Dean Mitchell, Melvyn Purchase.

SEVENTH GRADE

First Row: Mary Maberry, Jo Cook, Carol Parker, Roberta Day, Alberta Day, Marlene Hornbaker, Suzanne Baker, Dortha Cox, Joyce Palmer, Verla Smith.

Second Row: Earl Singleton, Danny Ragon, Marna Allison, Louise Harris, Barbara Bagge, Virginia Kernal, Marian Enlow, Larry Hendel, Harry Brown, Max Salisbury, Roland Singleton.

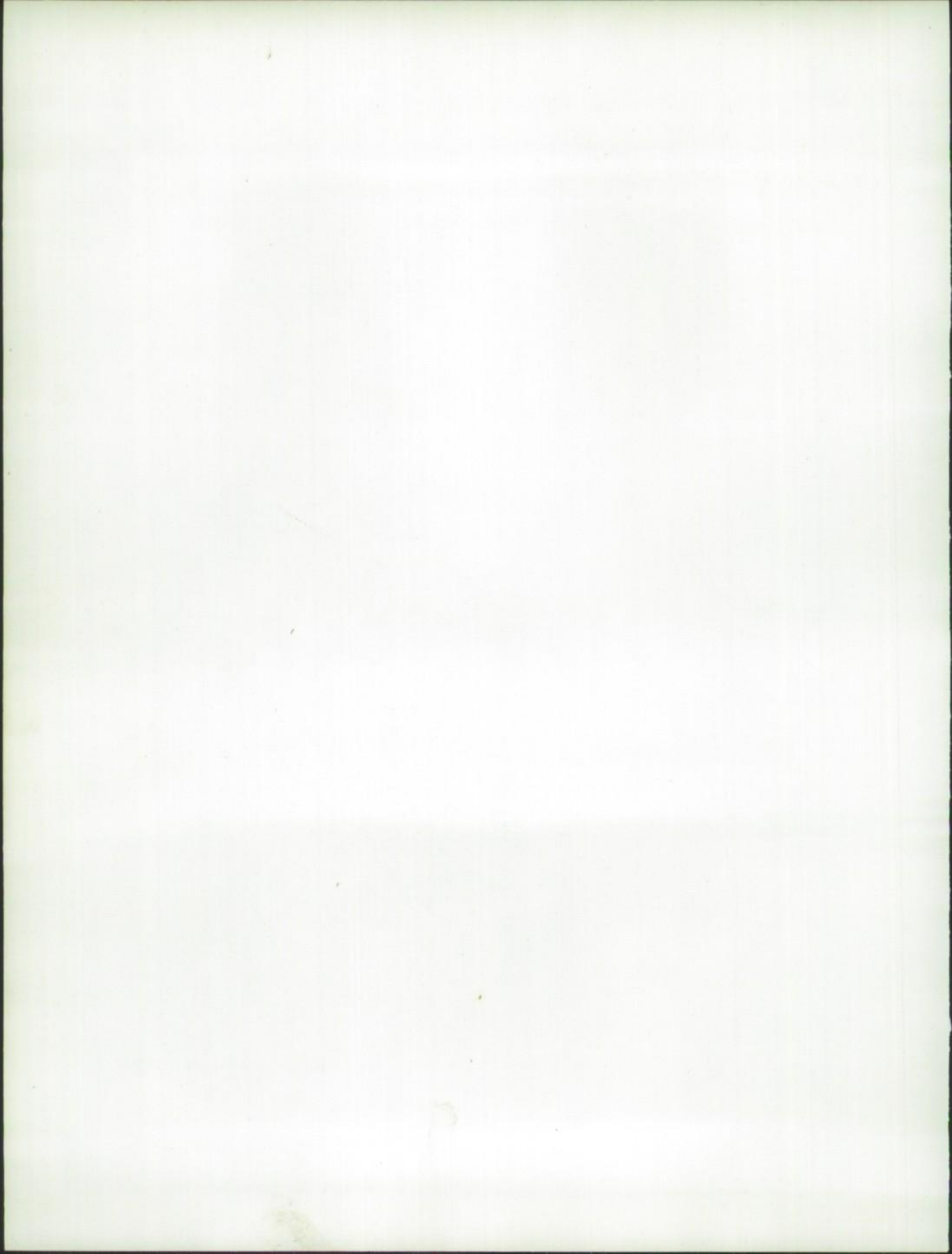
Top Row: Eob Solter, David Sharp, Daryle Clayton, James Anderson, Billy Randall, Alva Phelps, Jim Schreck, Sherrell Ruhl, Dale Selph, Larry Jackson.

SIXTH GRADE

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From left to right: Bobby Semande, Janet Reed, Miss Morgan, Janet Cox, Charles Semande, Charles Carpenter, Ilene Cox, Jimmy Cox.

CALENDAR

AUGUST—

- 23—Football practice began. (Oh, my aching bones!)
- 30—School began—my, how much I've forgot!

SEPTEMBER—

- 10—First football game, Bushnell. (here)
- 17—Football game with Cuba. (here)
- 23—Senior All School Party; initiated freshies and new teachers.
- 24—No school (institute); played Western High at Macomb.
- 28—F.H.A. Installation.

OCTOBER—

- 1—Football game with Alexis.
- 5—First Eoomerang meeting.
- 6—First Student Council meeting.
- 7—Football game with Roseville.
- 8—No school (institute).
- 11—Second team football game with Roseville.
- 14—Student Council meeting.
- 15—Got our report cards for the first six weeks (ouch!).
- 18—Second team football game with V. I. T.
- 20—P. T. A. Square Dance.
- 22—Football game with Stronghurst.
- 25—First senior play practice.
- 29—Foot ball game with V. I. T.

NOVEMBER—

- 2—Square Dance.
- Football game with Knoxville.
- 5—Whole school went down town and saw a free movie.
- 5—Eoomerang meeting to decide about selling magazines.
- 8—T. B. tests.
- 10—Senior pictures taken; T. B. tests read.
- 11—No school; Football game with Aledo; Seniors set up stage.
- 15—Little Six Cross Country—Avon, 3rd.
- 18—Senior play prevue.
- 19 & 20—Senior play "The Scarlet Shadow."
- 23—2nd team cheerleaders chosen.
- 26—First basketball game (V. I. T.)
- 30—Close game with Valley. We beat by one point.
- 30—F. F. A. seniors leave for International Livestock Show.

DECEMBER—

- 3—F. F. A. boys return; basketball game with Aledo.
- 7—Basketball game with Bushnell.
- 8—First snow.
- 10—Basketball game with Alexis.
- 13—Put a Christmas tree in Study Hall.
- 14—Basketball game with Knoxville—last game in '48.
- 16—Seniors received pictures. (Is that me?)
- 18—Another snow.
- 21—Christmas program chorus.
- 22—Junior Party; last day of school before Christmas vacation; Rev. Connor spoke.
- 29—Bomerang Dance.

JANUARY—

- 3—Every one happy about returning to school. (?)
- 4—Trojans play Independents.
- 5—Juniors picking play.
- 7—Basketball game with Stronghurst.
- 10—Basketball game with Corpus Christi; Roads are really slick.
- 11—No school; Basketball game with Abingdon.
- 12—No school.
- 13—Semester (Ugh!)
- 14—Semesters again; Basketball game with Roseville.
- 17—Basketball game with Cuba.
- 18—Coach was sick; boys dressed in girls gym suits and practiced with Mac.
- 22—Junior-Senior Carnival.
- 21—Basketball game with Aledo.
- 27—Just a half day of school.
- 28-29—No school.

FEBRUARY—

- 1—No school; beat Bardolph.
- 2—No school; Beat V. I. T. in first game of County Tourney.
- 3—Back to school; beat Farmington in County Tourney.
- 5—Lost to Valley in Tourney; won second place.
- 7—G. A. A. party; Baker presents trophy to school.
- 8—Basketball game with Knoxville.
- 9—Basketball game with Alexis.
- 11—Basketball game with Prairie City.
- 14—Band Festival at Canton.
- 15—Basketball game with Stronghurst.
- 18—Basketball game with Abingdon.
- 19—School on Saturday; pictures taken.
- 22—Basketball game with Astoria.
- 25—Basketball game with Roseville.

MARCH—

- 1—Played Monmouth in Regional Tourney.
- 4—Sophomore all school party.
- 7—Seniors ordered commencement invitations.
- 11—Library dance.
- 17—Dr. Manning spoke to the assembly.
- 21—G. A. A. banquet for basketball boys.
- 24—F. H. A. Club supper for F. F. A. boys.
- 26—District solo and ensemble contest at Farmington.
- 29—Chorus festival at Farmington.

APRIL—

- 1—Junior play—"Miss Jimmy" — Nice job kids!
- 2—Play again G. A. A. play day at Galesburg.
- 8—Freshman school party; track meet with Knoxville here.
- 9—District Band and Chorus contest.
- 22—Fort Madison relays.
- 29—Galva relays.

MAY—

- 3—County track meet at Lewiston.
- 10—Olympic track meet at Avon.
- 14—Junior Senior Prom; District track meet.
- 17—Little Six Track meet.
- 22—Baccalaureate.
- 27—Commencement.
- 30—Band plays for Memorial Day.
- 31—Seniors leave on trip for Chicago.



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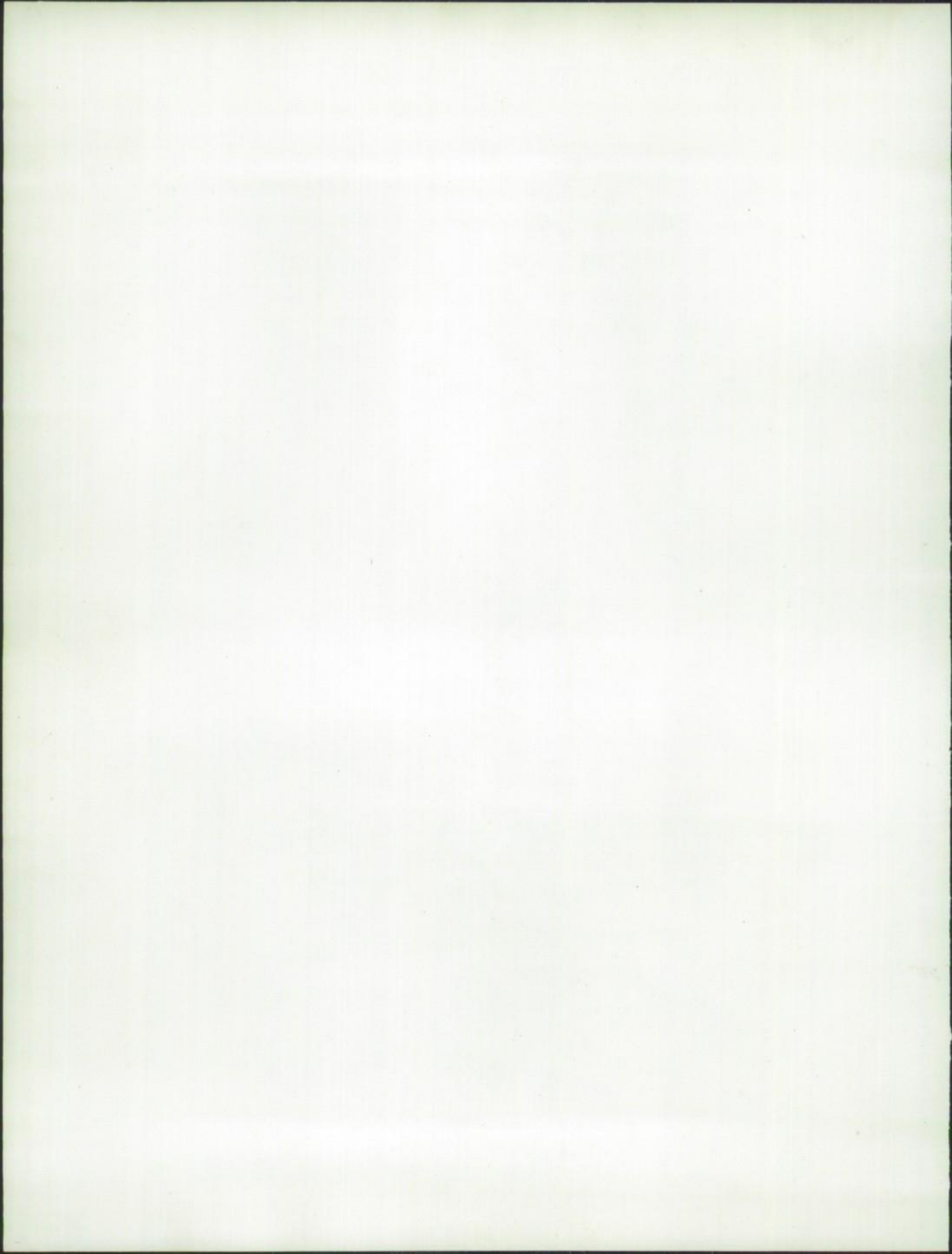


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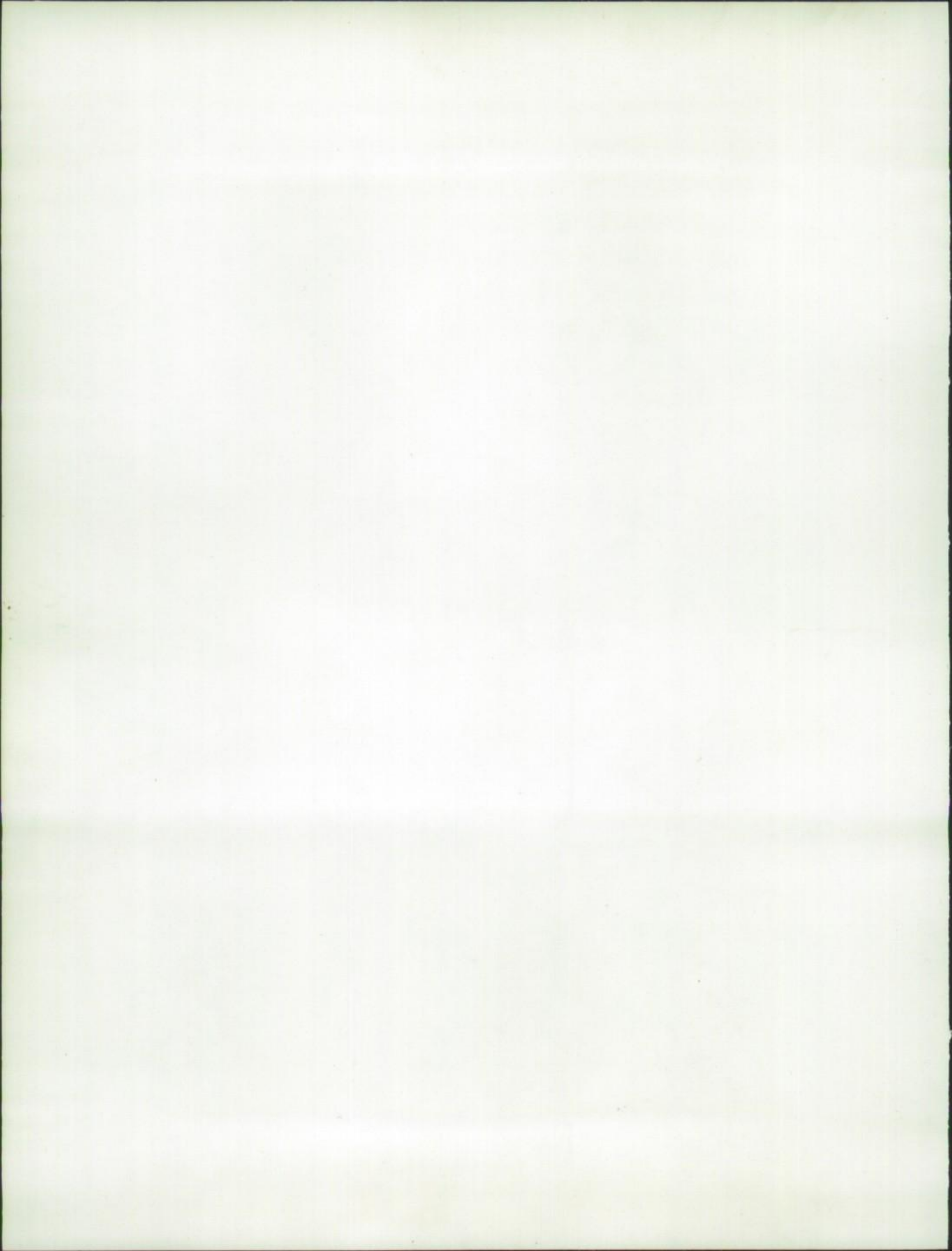


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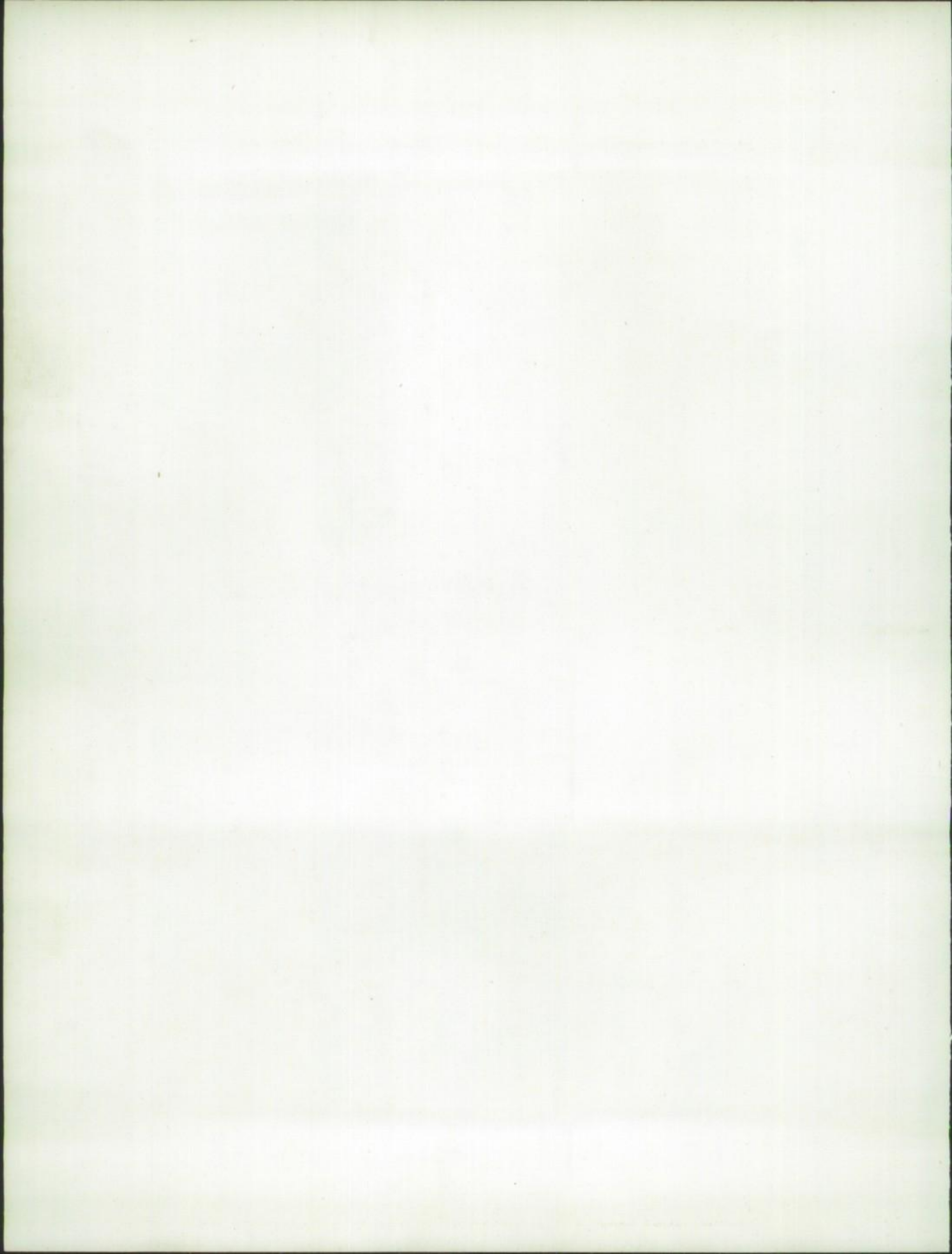






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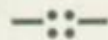
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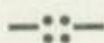
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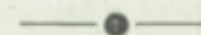
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